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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
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## ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

33 January 7, 2014

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**AWARD OF A PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT  
FITCH AVENUE OVER MINT CANYON WASH  
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF FORREST PARK  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)  
(3 VOTES)**

### **SUBJECT**

This action is to award a public works construction contract to CPO Enterprises, Inc., for Fitch Avenue over Mint Canyon Wash and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute a construction contract for work in the unincorporated community of Forrest Park.

### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find the bids from Horizons Construction Co. Int'l, Inc., for \$833,579.20; C 1 Construction Corporation for \$1,032,974; and Los Angeles Engineering, Inc., for \$1,079,707 nonresponsive as these bidders did not meet the experience requirement for bridge construction.
2. Find the bids from G.B. Cooke, Inc., for \$994,882 and Granite Construction Company for \$1,075,075 nonresponsive as these bidders did not include all the required documentation required by the bid solicitation.
3. Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute a construction contract and establish the effective date following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material Bonds and insurance certificate filed by the contractor for Project ID No. RDC0012504 – Fitch Avenue over Mint Canyon Wash for removal of a timber bridge; construction of a single-span reinforced concrete T-girder bridge; and asphalt concrete pavement on base material, curb and gutter, sidewalk, and drainage structures, in the unincorporated community of Forrest Park,

to CPO Enterprises, Inc., in the amount of \$887,785.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain approval of the project from the Board to award this construction contract and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute the contract and establish the effective contract date following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material Bonds and insurance certificate filed by the contractor for this project.

On September 10, 2013, Agenda Item 34, the Board approved the project; adopted the plans and specifications; called for bids to be received on October 8, 2013; and instructed the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise the project.

The enclosure includes the project description, the call for bids and bid opening date, a tabulation of bids, and financial information. The certified record of receipt of bids and the original bid proposal are also enclosed for this project.

The recommended award of the construction contract is necessary to execute a Board directed and approved Department of Public Works project in support of operational missions. The Board's approval of the recommended contract award and the subsequent execution of the contract will ensure the timely completion of the project.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3). Awarding this contract will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public and enhance the quality of life in the affected community.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

This action will have no impact to the County General Fund.

The construction cost of \$887,785 is included in the Fifth Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Road Fund Budget.

The enclosure includes the amount of the recommended contract as compared with the engineer's estimate, the other bids received, and more detailed fiscal and financial information.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The contract agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel. The recommended contract was solicited on an open competitive basis and is in accordance with applicable Federal, State, and County requirements. The contractor is in compliance with the Chief Executive Officer's and the Board's requirements.

The award of this contract will not result in unauthorized disclosure of confidential information and will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. This contract contains terms and conditions supporting the Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work

Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; the County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; Local Business Enterprise Preference Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.204; and the standard Board directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, which is defined as the firm that: (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by each respective contractor was considered before making this recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

On September 10, 2013, Agenda Item 34, the Board found this project to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

## **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

The contract was solicited on an open-competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the State Public Contract Code.

The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on public works construction contracts. These rates are determined by the Department of Industrial Relations and include contributions for fringe benefits such as vacations, pension funds, training, and health plans for each employee.

To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, this project was listed on the County website for upcoming bids. Public Works will review and approve the Faithful Performance and payment bonds filed by the contractor.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

This construction contract will result in improved public works infrastructure in the community where the work is scheduled.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office  
Internal Services Department (Countywide  
Contract Compliance)

## AWARD OF CONTRACT

January 7, 2014

PROJECT ID NO. RDC0012504 – Fitch Avenue over Mint Canyon Wash,  
(in the unincorporated community of Forrest Park), Supervisorial District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Removal of a timber bridge; construction of a single-span reinforced concrete T-girder bridge; asphalt concrete pavement on base material, curb and gutter, sidewalk, and drainage structures; and the performance of other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: September 10, 2013 (Agenda Item 34)

BID OPENING DATE: October 8, 2013

### BID SUMMARY:

Low	CPO Enterprises, Inc. 846 North Charter Drive Covina, California 91724 (626) 967-4300	\$ 887,785.00
2	John S. Meek Company, Inc.	\$1,068,477.00

Horizons Construction Co. Int'l, Inc., submitted a bid in the amount of \$833,579.20; C-1 Construction Corporation submitted a bid in the amount of \$1,032,974; and Los Angeles Engineering, Inc., submitted a bid in the amount of \$1,079,707. However, all three contractors did not meet the experience requirement for bridge construction as required by the bid solicitation. Therefore, all three bids were considered nonresponsive and rejected as provided in the Instructions to Bidders. Also, G.B. Cooke, Inc., submitted a bid in the amount of \$994,882 and Granite Construction Company submitted a bid in the amount of \$1,075,075. However, both of these contractors did not include the Bidder Responsibility Questionnaire as required by the bid solicitation. Therefore, their bids were considered nonresponsive and rejected as provided in the Instructions to Bidders.

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$893,569.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$887,785.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 5,784.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 0.65 percent below the estimate.

This project will be administered under the Highway Bridge Program covered by Agreement No. 76078 with the State of California. Under this program, Federal funds allocated to local agencies are used to finance a portion of the project cost. Funding for this project is included in the Fifth Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Road Fund Budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On September 10, 2013, Agenda Item 34, the Board found this project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 120 working days. It is estimated the work will start in April 2014 and be completed in October 2014.

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